

PARTIAL TRANSCRIPTION - ORIGINAL FOLLOWS

Dear General Twining

The tripartite paper on "Berlin Contingency Planning" dated April 4, 1959 provides that we should take, in the period before the turnover of Soviet functions to the GDR, "quiet preparatory and precautionary military measures of a kind which will not create public alarm but which will be detectable by Soviet intelligence". The measures which have already been taken in this connection are summarized in General Norstad's letter of April 12, 1959 to the British and French Chiefs of Staff and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (USCINCEUR's EC 9-2195).

In view of the prolongation of the German discussions, it seems doubtful that these preparatory military measures which have already been taken are adequate to provide the Soviet Union continuously and increasingly convincing evidence of our readiness to maintain our position in Berlin at the risk of war. We therefore wish to propose to the British and French that consideration be given to additional preparatory measures which might impress the Soviet of the seriousness of our intentions and thus induce them to adopt a more conciliatory attitude.

We should appreciate the recommendations of the Department of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff regarding additional military preparatory measures, "of a kind which will not create public alarm but which will be detectable by Soviet intelligence", which might be taken at this time. From the fragmentary unofficial reports we have received about Live Oak's current planning activities, we believe that some of the "more elaborate" measures which Live Oak is supposed to be considering for implementation after the Soviets turn over their functions to the GDR are not of a kind which might "create public alarm" and that they might therefore be implemented at this time, before the turnover has taken place.

General Nathan F. Twining, JMAF
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Dear General Tamm:

The information given on "Public Contingency Planning" dated April 4, 1959 provides that on April 4, 1959, in the presence of the Secretary of Defense, members of the NSC, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and representatives of the Department of Defense, a meeting was held to discuss the possibility of a "Public Contingency Plan" which would be developed by the Department of Defense. The meeting was held in the presence of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and representatives of the Department of Defense. The meeting was held in the presence of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and representatives of the Department of Defense. The meeting was held in the presence of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and representatives of the Department of Defense.

In view of the importance of the Public Contingency Plan, it is recommended that the Department of Defense should develop a "Public Contingency Plan" which would be developed by the Department of Defense. The meeting was held in the presence of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and representatives of the Department of Defense. The meeting was held in the presence of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and representatives of the Department of Defense. The meeting was held in the presence of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and representatives of the Department of Defense.

It should be noted that the recommendations of the Department of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff regarding the development of a "Public Contingency Plan" are in line with the policy of the Department of Defense. The meeting was held in the presence of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and representatives of the Department of Defense. The meeting was held in the presence of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and representatives of the Department of Defense. The meeting was held in the presence of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and representatives of the Department of Defense.

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It is possible that the only measures which would have the desired effects on the Soviets are those which would be generally observable and which might cause a measure of public uneasiness. If measures of this sort were to be taken at this time, it would of course be necessary to obtain the approval of the President and the agreement of the British and French to the modification of our present plans as embodied in the April 4, paper.

Since the additional military preparatory measures in question would be for implementation while we are still negotiating with the Soviets, an early reply would be appreciated.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Irwin, Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Sincerely.

Robert Murphy
Deputy Under Secretary

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It is possible that the only measures which would have the desired effect on the Soviets are those which would be generally acceptable and which might cause a measure of public indignation. If measures of this sort were to be taken at this time, it would of course be necessary to obtain the approval of the President and the agreement of the British and French to the modification of our present plans as outlined in the April 4 paper.

Since the additional military preparatory measures in question would be for implementation while we are still negotiating with the Soviets, an early reply would be appreciated.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Brien, Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Sincerely,

ROBERT MURPHY

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